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From: Nassif, Julianne (DPH)
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 12:58 PM
To: Finigan, Thomas (NFK)
Subject: FW: Expedited Testing

Hi Tom,
See the response from Betsy O'Brien the supervisor of the evidence office below.
Julie Nassif

From: O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH)
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 12:51 PM
To: Nassif, Julianne (DPH)
Subject: RE: Expedited Testing

We do preliminary certs only when absolutely necessary, maybe one or two a month at this time. We prefer to wait for the final cert because that reflects the result of the confirmatory testing (GC/MS). We also try to avoid having two different certs out there, the prelim one and the final one, because they are both notarized documents and that can sometimes lead to confusion when it comes time for trial.

Yes, it may take longer (couple of days) to wait for the GC/MS confirmation to issue a final cert, but in reality nobody should be calling at the last minute desperate for a preliminary cert unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Hope that helps.

From: Nassif, Julianne (DPH)
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 2:52 PM
To: O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH)
Subject: FW: Expedited Testing

I should know this, but don't.

From: Finigan, Thomas (NFK)
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2009 12:21 PM
To: Nassif, Julianne (DPH)
Subject: Expedited Testing

Hi Julianne-I am the contact person for this office concerning expedited requests. Can you tell me, do you do preliminary certs at all these days, or is the thinking that the expedited request will simply result in an actual cert? Someone raised the Q here and I wasn't sure of the answer. Thanks.